

No. 5685      號五十六百六千五第      日三月二十年亥乙緒光      HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 1876.      三拜禮      號九十月正英      港香      [PRICE \$24 PER MONTH.]

## Intimations.

1891 Hongkong, 24th December, 1875.







## THE ENGLISH PRESS ON THE SUEZ CANAL PURCHASE.

The Times says:—An act so prompt and opportune as the purchase of the Khedive's interest in the Suez Canal will greatly assist the country not only in securing the route of the shortest and most direct communication between Europe and India, but also in giving assurance that we have a Government of spirit and initiative. Statesmen have their responsibilities, and though both the late and the present Cabinets have been preoccupied by the many and various questions of the day, they have not been unmindful of the importance of the Suez Canal, and have not been unmindful of the importance of the Suez Canal, and have not been unmindful of the importance of the Suez Canal.

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## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON via SUEZ CANAL	SARPEDON	Garpey (str.)	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	On or about 24th inst.
NEW YORK	ALTONA	Miller (str.)	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
SAN FRANCISCO via YAMAGUCHI	ALTONA	Miller (str.)	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
SINGAPORE, BOMBAY, &c.	ALTONA	Miller (str.)	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
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**For Sale.**  
THOMPSON AND HIND  
BLACK AND COLOURS SILKS, especially selected to wear well.  
VELVETS AND VELVETINGS, in all colors.  
HOMESPUNS, FRENCH MERINOES.  
PLAIN AND FANCY HANDELS, for morning gowns.  
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HATS.  
NEW COLORED IN ROBONS, FLOWERS, and other designs.  
SHAWLS FOR COATS, CARRIAGE RUGS, BEST WHITE BATH AND WHITNEY.  
BELGIAN COUNTERPANES AND TOILET.  
MELTON CLOTH, SERGE, and HOME-SPUN CLOTHS, made in latest style.  
A Large Variety of CHRISTMAS TOYS and PRESENTS for Children.  
LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES, Buttons, and Elastic.  
GENTLEMEN'S FELT HATS, in latest styles.  
WHITE SHIRTS, Collars, and Neckties, specially low in the neck.  
SOAP, TINS, ORNATE, BOOTS, SHOES, and UMBRELLAS.  
A Few ORNATE and RAILWAY TRUNKS.  
88, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG, 15th January, 1876.

**Vessels on the Berth.**  
FOR SHANGHAI  
"ALTONA"  
Miller, Master, will be despatched for the above port on MONDAY, the 20th inst., at daylight.  
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W. P. & S. N. Co., Agents.  
44, 47, Hongkong, 17th January, 1876.  
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
FOR SHANGHAI  
Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO, and PORTS in JAPAN.  
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## Post-Office Notifications.

**For Bangkok.**—Per *Chantel*, to-day, the 19th inst., at 11.30 A.M.  
**For Shanghai.**—Per *Altona*, to-day, the 19th inst., at 5 P.M.  
**MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.**  
The English Contract Packet *KASHAG* will be despatched with the *Mille for Europe*, &c., on THURSDAY, the 20th inst.  
The following will be the hours of closing the Mail, &c.:  
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